

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 9-11 and 25-27 are allowed and dependent claims 5, 7, 21, and 23 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant added new independent claim 28 to include features of claims 1, 4, and 5, claim 33 to include features of claims 1 and 7, claim 40 to include features of claims 17, 20, and 21, and claim 45 to include features of claims 17 and 23. Moreover, Applicants added dependent claims 29-32, 34-39, 41-44, and 46-51, corresponding to claims 2-6, 8, 18-22, and 24. Allowance of new independent claims 28, 33, 40, and 45, and their associated dependent claims is respectfully requested.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). In response, Applicants submit a corrected FIG. 1, as requested by the Examiner, and a separate Letter to the Draftsperson is enclosed. Accordingly, Applicants request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

The specification is objected to for minor informalities. In response, Applicants amended the specification to correct the minor informalities cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Claims 1-3, 8, 12-20, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Reardon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,636,223) in view of Tout et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,991,295). Applicants appreciate the Examiner's time and the courtesy extended during the telephonic interview on May 20, 2003, with Applicants' representative, Grace Law. As discussed during the interview, Applicants now amend claims 1, 12, 15, and 17 to clarify that the start tag is based on a time value. The Examiner is in agreement that the cited references do not disclose the claimed features, as indicated in the interview summary. The substance of the interview is set forth in the Examiner's Interview Summary Record, which is of record as Paper No. 8. Claims 2-8, 13, 14, 16, and 18-24 are patentable for at least the reasons set forth above with regard to independent claims 1, 12, 15 and 17, from which they respectively depend. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Section 103 rejection of claims 1-3, 8, 12-20, and 24 be

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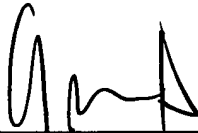
withdrawn. Applicant reserves the right to present further arguments in the future with regard to the dependent claims in the event that the independent claims are found to be unpatentable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, another telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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